



# KIDS CENTRAL AND FOSTER CARE

*Because Childhood Won't Wait*

## Corrective Action Plan

In accordance with 65C-13.035(3)(C) of Florida Administrative Code the [REDACTED] foster home is being placed on a corrective action plan to address the following deficiencies/concerns in the home:

### Requirement:

#### **65C-13.030 Discipline**

##### Partnership plan signed by foster parents on 4/2014

4. Excellent parenting is a reasonable expectation of caregivers. Caregivers will provide and DCF, CBC and agency staff will support excellent parenting. This requires a loving commitment to the child and the child's safety and well being, appropriate supervision and positive methods of discipline, encouragement of the child's strengths, respect for the child's individuality and likes and dislikes, providing opportunities to develop the child's interests and skills, awareness of the impact of trauma on behavior, equal participation of the child in family life, involvement of the child with the community and a commitment to enable the child to lead a normal life.

### Deficiency/Concern:

03/04/2014 a FSFN intake was received in regards to a child residing in the [REDACTED] home. According to the report the child has a bruise on her left side, close to her hip, from "Mimi" beating/hitting her for wetting the bed. The foster parents' would tell the child's older brother that there is so something mentally wrong with him and he needed counseling. This would terrify the child.

### **CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MALTREATMENT:**

The foster mother, "Mimi", would beat the child for wetting the bed. The child also has a "faint" white line/scar on her right shoulder that's about 2 inches long. The foster parents' would tell the older brother "nasty things". They (foster parents) did not want the older brother in their foster home because of his age. On one occasion, the foster father took the older brother to the mother's friend's house to see the friend's son, the mother was there so he saw her, and the foster parents were yelling and screaming at him because he saw his mother. The mother already had the paperwork stating that she could have the children back in her care/custody, but was waiting for transport to take them (children) to her.

**FOSTER PARENTS' GENERAL:**

The children were placed in foster care because the mother went to jail for VOP, and the father failed a drug test. The children were placed in foster care on 1/10/14.

**FOSTER PARENTS' DISCIPLINE:**

The foster parents' would send the older brother to his room, and "Mimi" would hit the youngest child.

**OUTCOME OF DCF INVESTIGATION:**

The DCF report closed on 3/26/2014

There was evidence to support physical injury by the foster mother [REDACTED] 3 yo CV was spanked while in her care and upon returning to the mother was observed with a bruise on her right thigh area brownish in color.

There was no substantiated evidence to support mental injury to Curtis. Curtis has behavioral concerns and has been seeing a therapist due to these concerns.

**Task:**

The [REDACTED] will ensure all classes are completed. The Licensing Specialist will continue to inspect the class log.

**Time frame for Action Requested:**

Compliance will begin immediately and remain ongoing.

**Requirement:**

**65C-13.029(1)(e) Licensed out-of-home caregivers shall accept the direction and supervision given by the department or supervising agency in caring for the children.**

**Partnership plan signed by foster parents on 04/2014**

*5. Children will be placed only with caregivers who have the ability and are willing to accept responsibility for the care of a child in light of the child's culture, religion and ethnicity, special physical or psychological needs, unique situation including sexual orientation and family relationships. DCF, CBC and agency staff will provide caregivers with all available information to assist them in determining whether they are able to appropriately care for a child. Caregivers must be willing and able to learn about and be respectful of the child's religion, culture and ethnicity, and any special circumstances affecting the child's care. DCF, CBC and agency staff will assist them in gaining the support, training and skills necessary for the care of the child.*

*6. Caregivers will have access to and take advantage of all training they need to improve their skills in parenting children who have experienced trauma due to neglect, abuse or separation from home, to meet these children's special needs and to work effectively with child welfare agencies, the courts, the schools and other community and governmental agencies.*

**Deficiency/Concern:**

It has been brought to our attention that the foster parent is having difficulty managing the behaviors of the younger children in their care. These events have put into question the quality of the foster parent's supervision of the children and concern that they need/would benefit from additional skills/training to help them in their care of children.

**Task:**

The [REDACTED] will actively participate in additional trainings offered by New Generations located 134 E. Fort Dade Ave, Brooksville FL 34601 (352) 544-0911 which offers Parenting classes, and Anger Management Classes or Western Judicial Services and Growing Center Counseling in Hernando.

Upon completion of trainings, certificates will be provided to the licensing specialist by the [REDACTED]. In addition, they will be receptive to suggestions and recommendations made by the Program and Kids Central Licensing. The [REDACTED] will work in conjunction with the Relicensing Specialist to develop a set of house hold rules appropriate for the children. Monthly updates, from Relicensing Specialist and/or Trainer will reflect positive feedback; feedback should include, but is not limited to, appropriate interaction from the foster parents, reduced calls for service to law enforcement, documented demonstration of skills learned in training through interactions with the foster parents and children.

**Time frame for Action Requested:**

[REDACTED] will participate in Parenting Training, facilitated by New Generations, or Western Judicial Services and Growing Center Counseling in Hernando as well as Online a class which is through Foster Parent College, the classes are as following:

[REDACTED] complete a Mental Health Evaluation on June 6, 2014 during the initial evaluation the [REDACTED] were open, forthcoming and cooperative according to Kevin Patterson LMHC. A treatment plan and treatment goal was developed. The [REDACTED] processed their treatment objectives and methods to resolve their referral recommendations. They processed the history of providing foster care and the impact of all the allegations of child abuse. The [REDACTED] were assigned several assignments addressing their treatment plan objectives and successfully completed them as scheduled. The [REDACTED] have successfully completed their treatment as of 08/20/2014.

<http://www.fosterparentcollege.com>

### Child Development

Explores typical child development, developmental domains and stages, temperament and goodness of fit, and the effects of abuse and neglect on a child's health and behavior.

#### Positive Parenting 1

Viewers learn how to use cooperation, tracking behavior, and encouragement as parenting techniques.

[REDACTED] completed the training on 07/11/2014

#### Positive Parenting 2

This course discusses setting limits and behavior contracts as positive parenting techniques.

[REDACTED] completed the training on 08/06/2014

#### Positive Parenting 3

Strategies for using time-out, privilege removal, and assignment of extra chores to manage difficult behavior are discussed

[REDACTED] completed the training on 08/07/2014

During that time, a new set of rules can be explored and developed. The current posted rules will be removed immediately and replaced when a revised set has been developed

Training to Begin no later than July 1, 2014 and 2 quarterly visits will be completed by RLS until January 2015.

#### Kids Central, Inc. as a Licensing Agent will:

1. Conduct unannounced quarterly visits until January 2015 to ensure the above compliance requires are met. Compliance will commence immediately and the Corrective Action Plan will be successfully completed by latest December, 2014.
2. In conjunction with DCF, only children placed into the home has to be verbal, in school and should be no younger than 8 years old. , No younger children can be placed in the home until a formal assessment is made to evaluate the home in regards to continuous licensure/utilization of the home as traditional or therapeutic placement.
3. Licensing will request feedback and updates monthly, from [REDACTED] until the all the Training Classes has been completed.

On 08/27/2014 RLS received the Summary of completed from Kevin Patterson LMHC with the La Porta Center and Informed Joy Foreman to change the childrens age group in the DCR from Mr. and Mrs. Vosburghs age prefers which was 4-6 years of age to 8 years and older preferred male.